

Remarks:

Applicant has carefully studied the non-final Examiner's Action mailed 07/05/2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 10/05/2005. The amendment appearing above and these explanatory remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Action. Accordingly, this important patent application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant responds to the outstanding Action by centered headings and numbered paragraphs that correspond to the centered headings and paragraph numbering employed by the Office, to ensure full response on the merits to each finding of the Office.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

1. Applicant acknowledges the quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.
2. Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.
3. Applicant thanks the Office for listing as (a), (b), and (c) the unique features of the invention that were not pointed out or distinctly claimed in the claims as twice amended. The claims as currently amended now positively recite those unique features.

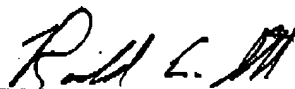
Conclusion

The claims are now provided in method format, the user/customer is identified as a person in a household of a family, all reference in the claims to utilities designate said utilities by name, the claims recite means for providing a list of household utility usage to a person online, and means for selecting/changing the household utilities online.

If a Notice of Allowance cannot be entered at this time for any reason, or if an Examiner's Amendment would place the pending claims in condition for allowance, a telephone call to the undersigned at (727) 507-8558 is requested. Applicant thanks the Office for its careful examination of this important patent application.

Very respectfully,
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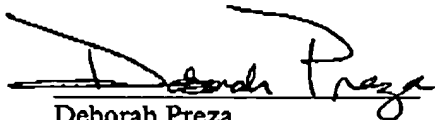
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment C, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Claims, and Remarks, is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 3621, Attn: Mr. Daniel L. Greene, (571) 273-8300 on August 12, 2005.

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